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**US6910851** - Figure 1 appears to show a single-piece engine case, however in Figure 2 a multi-piece bolted case assembly is clearly depicted.

**US6371721** - Figure 1 appears to show a single-piece engine case, however in Figure 2 a multi-piece bolted case assembly is clearly depicted. The patentee is the same patentee as US Patent No. 5,409,184 (Udall).

**US6305899** - Figure 1 appears to show a single-piece engine case, however in Figure 2 a multi-piece bolted case assembly is clearly depicted. The patentee is the same patentee as US Patent No. 5,409,184 (Udall).

**US5899660** - Figure 1 appears to show a single-piece engine case, however in Figure 2 a multi-piece bolted case assembly is clearly depicted. The patentee is the same patentee as US Patent No. 5,409,184 (Udall).

**US5357744** - Figure 1 appears to show a single-piece engine case, however in Figure 2 a multi-piece bolted case assembly is clearly depicted. The patentee is the same patentee as US Patent No. 4,790,133 (Stuart).

**US5299910** - Figure 1 appears to show a single-piece engine case, however in Figure 5 a portion of a multi-piece case assembly is clearly depicted. The patentee is the same patentee as US Patent No. 4,790,133 (Stuart).

**US4716721** - Figure 1 appears to show a single-piece engine case, however in Figure 2 a multi-piece bolted case assembly is clearly depicted. The patentee is the same patentee as US Patent No. 5,409,184 (Udall).

**US4502276** - Figure 1 appears to show a single-piece engine case, however in Figure 2 a multi-piece bolted case assembly is clearly depicted. The patentee is the same patentee as US Patent No. 5,409,184 (Udall).

**US20050058541** - Figure 1 appears to show a single-piece engine case, however in Figure 2 a multi-piece bolted case assembly is clearly depicted.

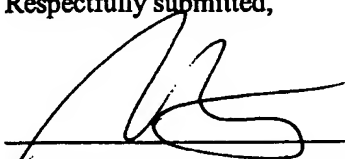
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US2404334 - An early example of a turbojet engine, in which a segmented case is disclosed.

**The Modern Gas Turbine (Rolls-Royce, 2000)** - A turbofan engine is shown on page 4 which appears to show a single-piece engine case, however on pages 7-11, a multi-piece bolted engine case assembly of the engine is disclosed in detail. The brochure is from the same patentee as US Patent No. 5,409,184 (Udall).

Respectfully submitted,

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